

POCAHONTAS COUNTY (Continued)

"TRAVELERS' REPOSE"

Made famous in novels of Hergesheimer, Bierce and others. This is the country of "Tol'able David". On the neighboring hills are the Confederate trenches of W.L. Jackson's troops. Scene of minor engagements, 1861.

MILLPOINT

Here Stephen Sewell camped in 1750. Site of Fort Day, 1774. To the north, Indians killed James Bridger, father of the noted Oregon Trail scout, with his brother. Here James E.A. Gibbs invented chain-stitch sewing machine.

HUNTERSVILLE

Established in 1821. Early trading post here brought hunters and trappers and gave name to the town. In 1822, first county court met here at the cabin of John Bradshaw. Gen. Lee was encamped here in 1861.

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to Salem, Virginia, in 1863.

Settlements were made in the  
vicinity in the 1760's by

John McNeel and the Kinnisons.

Birthplace of Pearl Buck.

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DROOP MOUNTAIN

Here, November 6, 1863, Union troops, commanded by General Averell, defeated Confederate forces under General Echols. This has been considered the most extensive engagement in this State and the site was made a State park in 1929.

RIDER GAP

In this mountain gap, through which came early pioneers, Gen. W. W. Loring camped, 1861, with 10,000 Confederates. In July, Gen. Lee succeeded him here. North and south is the mountain road which offers a hundred-mile sky line drive.

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